

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed September 25, 2007. At the time of this Office Action, pending claims 1-5, 8-13, 15, 16, 19-24, 27-35 and 38 were rejected. The following actions were taken or matters raised: (I) Claims 1-5, 8-13, 15, 16, 19-24, 27-35 and 38, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bradee et al. (US PUB No. 20020095571).

Claims 1-5, 8-13, 15, 16, 19-24, 27-32, 34, 35 and 38, have been amended to include that the claimed invention includes authentication of a remote user via local authentication.

In view of the amendments made to Claims 1-5, 8-13, 15, 16, 19-24, 27-32, 34, 35 and 38, and the associated remarks, Claims 1-5, 8-13, 15, 16, 19-24, 27-32, 34, 35 and 38, and all claims dependent thereon, are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Bradee because they recite features, physical structure and/or function not present in, configured for being provided by, or intended to be provided by system, equipment or methods in accordance with the disclosures of Bradee, and therefore distinguish physically over Bradee. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) applied to 1-5, 8-13, 15, 16, 19-24, 27-32, 34, 35 and 38 as being anticipated by Bradee is overcome and respectfully requests the Office to continue examination of the claims presented herewith and withdraw the rejection asserted against Claims 1-5, 8-13, 15, 16, 19-24, 27-32, 34, 35 and 38, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bradee.

CONCLUSIONS

The Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for reasons clearly apparent, the Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims. If there are any matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of the Application, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 512-306-8533 at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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